



## Neuromuscular Research New Zealand

### Research Focuses

Neuromuscular Research New Zealand\* is the research arm of the Muscular Dystrophy Association of New Zealand Inc., (MDANZ) and accepts funding applications for research relevant to New Zealanders living with neuromuscular conditions once per year.

Independent reviewers with expertise in neuromuscular research and the Trustees for Neuromuscular Research New Zealand assess each application according to the focuses identified by MDANZ and its members.

Applications must align with one or many of the following focuses.

- Advances research into effective treatments - For a list of all neuromuscular conditions covered by MDANZ, please [click here](#).
- Capacity to improve health outcomes or quality of life - Research may encompass standards of care, innovative practice in supporting people with neuromuscular conditions, and/or evaluation of therapy approaches, service delivery modes and interventions.
- Capacity to improve the diagnostic journey - Research aims to reduce diagnostic timeframe and improve experience of receiving a genetic diagnosis.
- Translational research that makes a tangible difference to the lives of New Zealanders with a neuromuscular condition.
- Basic mechanistic research to increase understanding of neuromuscular diseases.
- Pre-clinical design, development and assessment of therapeutic interventions for neuromuscular diseases.
- Qualitative research that gives a voice to the experience of New Zealanders with lived experience of neuromuscular conditions and their families and whānau.
- Research conducted in New Zealand with short to medium term time frames of no more than two years.
- Preliminary studies to develop further proposals for substantial financial support from research funding agencies in New Zealand (e.g., Neurological Foundation or HRC) or abroad (e.g., AFM-Téléthon or Muscular Dystrophy Association [USA]).

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